Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph at page 20, lines 9-13, with the following amended

paragraph:

Then, it obtains [[hush]] hash values for the content encrypted by the content key

and the content key encrypted by the distribution key and UCP and creates a signature

by using the secret key of the content provider 200.

Please replace the paragraph at page 21, lines 7-11, with the following amended

paragraph:

Next, it adds new price information (PT: price tag) adding on an amount of profit

for the distribution service it performs itself, obtains the [[hush]] hash value of each data,

and creates a signature by using the secret key of the service provider 250.

Please replace the paragraph at page 47, lines 18-22, with the following

amended paragraph:

In the SAM 600, the [[hush]] hash value of the entire physical address

information of the key data block is taken, it is checked if the entire data has been

tampered with (step S104), and the physical address information is set in the SAM 600

if it is proper (step S105).

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Please replace the paragraph at page 48, lines 17-19, with the following amended paragraph:

The SAM 600 obtains the [[hush]] <u>hash</u> value of the entire key data block and checks if the entire data has been tampered with (step S124).